

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 12, 15 and 20-21 have been amended. Claims 2, and 13-14 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-7, 12, and 15-21 are pending and under consideration. Claims 8-11 and 22-26 are withdrawn from consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the detergent dissolution pipe being directly between the water tub and the pump. In contrast, Euler teaches a pump 38 and a mixing tank 80. However, access to the tub 34 is provided between the pump 38 and the mixing tank 80 via a vertical pipe (see Fig. 3 of Euler). Thus, the mixing tank 80 is not directly between the pump 38 and the tub 34.

Furthermore, claim 3 recites the detergent dissolving unit comprises a control unit to operate the pump according to preset ON/OFF periods to reciprocate the water and the detergent contained in the lower portion of the water tub between the water tub and the detergent dissolution pipe. However, Euler does not disclose that the water reciprocates. Instead, this reference teaches circulation of the water. Euler, col. 5, ln. 25-27.

Still further, claim 4 recites a detergent dissolution space having a diameter greater than that of the detergent dissolution pipe formed at the detergent dissolution pipe. In contrast, Euler does not teach the claimed greater diameter. The Examiner relies upon the two pipes going into mixing tank 80. However, even though two pipes are taught, a constant diameter results. Thus, there is no greater diameter, as claimed.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

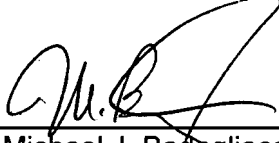
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